

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 78-4

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Arizona Developmental Disabilities
Planning and Advocacy Council

WHEREAS, each state which receives assistance under PL 91-517, the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act of 1970, as amended by the Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1975, PL 94-103, shall establish a State Planning Council which will serve as an advocate for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the developmentally disabled citizens of the State of Arizona (who include the autistic, cerebral palsied, epileptic and mentally retarded) are a valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, the developmentally disabled are an essential and integral part of our community structure and growth; and

WHEREAS, there are presently many public and private programs or agencies in existence which can or should provide services to the developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to eliminate gaps and duplications in available services and programs; and

WHEREAS, there are unmet needs which have been identified and programs need to be developed to meet the need; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to provide for the coordination and enhancement of services now being provided by various governmental agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Babbitt, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby create the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advocacy Council and delineate herein its structure and duties.

1. The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advocacy Council shall be structured to meet the requirements of PL 94-103, Section 137(a).

2. The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advocacy Council shall consist of members appointed by the Governor and shall meet at least every other month. The terms of office for members shall be three years, with one-third of the members changing each year. The Governor shall select members of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advocacy Council as follows:

- a. One (1) representative of the Department of Economic Security, the Department of Education and the Department of Health Services.
- b. Two (2) representatives of each disability, including autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and mental retardation.
- c. One (1) representative from each district's developmental disabilities advisory committee.
- d. Four (4) members at large (culturally and ethnically proportionate to the population).
- e. At least one-third of the above described membership shall be persons with developmental disabilities, or their parents or guardians, who are not officers of any entity, or employees of any state agency or of any other entity, which receives funds under PL 94-103.

- f. At least three (3) of the above described council members shall be developmentally disabled.
- g. UAF representative - University Affiliated Facility.
- 3. The council shall:
 - a. In accordance with DES and Division of Personnel rules and regulations in conjunction with the DES Director, hire appropriate staff (within available funds) to fulfill its responsibilities, including a director. The staff, in accordance with DD program guidelines, shall be responsible to the state council but receive administrative supervision from the Department of Economic Security.
 - b. Establish functional procedures outlining the responsibilities, structure and guidelines for carrying out this Executive Order.
- 4. The duties of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advocacy Council shall include:
 - a. Direct the development of and approve the state plan required by Section 133 of PL 94-103.
 - b. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the state plan.
 - c. Submit revisions of the state plan, through the Governor, to the Secretary of State.
 - d. To the maximum extent feasible, review and comment on all state plans in Arizona which relate to programs affecting persons with developmental disabilities.
 - e. Assist and advise the Governor in all matters relating to plans and services for developmentally disabled citizens.
 - f. Develop and maintain information regarding the need for services for the developmentally disabled.
 - g. Establish short and long-term plans and goals for meeting the service needs of the developmentally disabled.
 - h. Advise departments, agencies and institutions of the state on programmatic needs and coordination of program activities and to perform subsequent follow-up to establish the manner in which recommendations have been acted upon.
 - i. Recommend priorities for developmental disability services to the Governor and other appropriate state departments.
 - j. Organize community efforts on a statewide level around major developmental disability issues of statewide concern.
 - k. Facilitate the establishment of local advisory committees for the developmentally disabled in areas or districts where requested.
 - l. Make available timely information to all local advisory committees to allow such committees to take full advantage of all appropriate services, funds and public meetings.
 - m. Actively facilitate the coordination of federal, state and local policies and programs concerning services to the developmentally disabled.
 - n. Serve as an information point in facilitating the developmentally disabled in obtaining needed services provided in this state.
 - o. Prepare and submit a report each January to the Governor on the activities undertaken by the council.

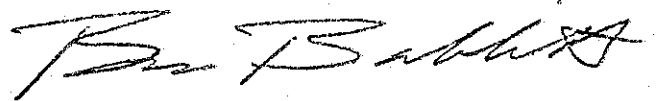
5. Except as hereafter may be provided by the Governor, the Department of Economic Security shall serve as the administrative agent for the council.

6. Exercise authority to protect and advocate for persons with developmental disabilities.

7. In accordance with Section 133 of PL 94-103, to expend DD funds to fill gaps in service and to fund demonstration projects.

8. This order shall become effective immediately.

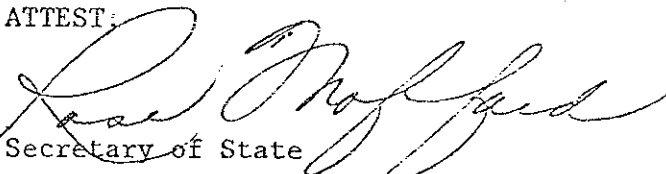
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this seventeenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Third.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

